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## **Dig Law Questions?**

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#### **UTC Mission**

The UTC regulates the services of privately or investor owned utility and transportation companies. Our mission is to ensure that services are fairly priced, available, reliable and safe.

# **Upcoming Events**

July 23
RFP Proposals Due
July 27



L&I Contractor

Training,

Lakewood July 30

Draft rules served

September

MRSC Webinar— date TBD

November 7

Damage Prevention Seminar, Bellevue

## **Safety Committee**

On June 28, commission staff issued the official Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting bids from statewide, nonprofit entities interested in assembling the "Safety Committee" as set forth in RCW 19.122.30. The RFP can be found on the commission's <a href="website">website</a>. Proposals are due before 4 p.m. on July, 23. If you have any questions regarding the RFP, contact Anna Gill.



### **Got DIRT?**

One addition to the new dig law is a reporting requirement for anyone who causes or witnesses damage to an underground facility. Starting Jan. 1, when damage occurs, the commission must be notified of the incident via CGA's Virtual DIRT tool. DIRT can be accessed via a link on the commission's website. In order to submit a report, an account must be established by the individual or company reporting. Learn more about DIRT and be ready come January! If you have any questions regarding DIRT or the new requirement, contact Anna Gill.

# **Damage Reporting Rulemaking**

Draft rules for the commission's current damage reporting rulemaking will be issued on or before July 30. For more information, contact <u>Dave Lykken</u>.

# **Upcoming Trainings**

The commission has scheduled a dig law seminar for Nov. 7, 2011 in Bellevue. More dates and locations will be announced shortly. For more information and registration for this and other upcoming events, visit our <a href="Dig Law Seminar">Dig Law Seminar</a> Web page.



### Outreach

In an effort to educate public agencies, such as local government, about their new responsibilities as outlined in the



new dig law, the commission, in conjunction with the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC), will be putting on a Public Agencies webinar. The webinar will be hosted in September with more information to follow.

The commission will also be offering a dig law training at the upcoming Labor and Industries (L&I) Contractor trainings on July 27 in Lakewood. If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, click here to visit L&I's website.

### **Publications**

The commission has a number of educational publications outlining changes to the dig law for each stakeholder group. To request these publications, contact <a href="#">Anna Gill</a>.

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